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SUMMARY. NEW AFGHANISTAN GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO BE TAKING AFFIRMATIVE APPROACH TO UNFDAC ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAM. REXED IS PLEASED WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT AND WISHES PUSH PROGRAM AHEAD. END SUMMARY.

1. UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL AND DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS RECEIVED CABLE MAY 9 FROM UNDP DEPUTY RESREP HOLCOMB IN KABUL WHICH STATED THAT NEW GOVERNMENT DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AFGHANISTAN LIKELY PROVIDE FULL SUPPORT TO UNFDAC ACTIVITIES AND IS VERY INTERESTED PURSUE AND EXTEND PRESENT LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT. HE SAID THAT MAGNUSSON AND KLEIST WERE ASKED WHETHER THEY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WERE PREPARED TO CONTINUE ASSIGNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN AND HE UNDERSTOOD BOTH AGREED. HE THOUGHT OFFICIAL AFGHAN REQUEST FOR THEIR EXTENSION IS LIKELY TO BE FORTHCDMING SOONEST. IN VIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENTS, HOLCOMBE RECOMMENDED EARLY VISIT BY DEMETRE, EN ROUTE TO OR FROM MANILA ADB MISSION, IN ORDER TO FOLLOW UP WEST KAJAKAI CROP SUBSTITUTION PROJECT WITH NEW GOVERNMENT. HOLCOMBE

NOTED THAT HE WAS INFORMED SOYBEAN SEEDS FOR TRIAL PLOTS WEST KAJAKAI HAD ALREADY ARRIVED KABUL.

- 2. DR. REXED, UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EXPRESSED PLEASURE CONCERNING THIS EARLY INDICATION OF NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT'S AFFIRMATIVE APPROACH TO UNFDAC PROJECTS. HE STATED THAT HE HAD REMOVED THE FREEZE ON PROJECT DELIVERIES REPORTED REFTEL AND THAT HE INTENDS TO RECOMMENCE CONTACTS WITH ADB RE UPPER HELMAND PROJECT SOONEST. HE IS ALSO PUSHING WHO TO EXPEDITE IMPLEMENTATION BADAKHSHAN TREATMENT PROJECT.
- 3. COMMENT. MISSION BELIEVES IT DESIRABLE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ADVANTAGE OF APPARENT WILLINGNESS OF GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND MAGNUSSEN CONTRACT IN ORDER AVOID POSSIBILITY THAT RESERVATIONS ABOUT EXTENSION, EXPRESSED PRIVATELY BY MAROOFI TO SAENGER, SHOULD BE USED TO BLOCK EXTENSION AND THUS ADVERSELY AFFECT CONTINUATION OF UN LAW

ENFORCEMENT PROJECT. THE EXTENSION NOW REQUIRES ONLY WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF REQUEST FROM GOA TO HOLCOMBE. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE ANY ENCOURAGEMENT AMEMB KABUL MAY BE ABLE PROVIDE DISCREETLY TO HOLCOMBE TO CONCLUDE EXTENSION AND CABLE CONFIRMATION TO NARCOTICS UNATIONS, GENEVA. END COMMENT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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